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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start incentive schemes to set up Technical Education Institutes in the backward areas of the country so as to reduce the increasing regional disparity in the matter of technical education;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to relax the criteria for setting up of these institutes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d) : There has been higher concentration of Technical Institutes in the States of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh as compared to other regions as these States mobilised private initiatives in setting up of technical institutes on a larger scale. The matter was deliberated, among other things, in the Conference of States/UT Education Secretaries dealing with Technical Education held on 10Th October, 2000 and their cooperation has been sought to minimize the regional imbalance by tapping private initiatives optimally. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the statutory body for proper planning and coordinated development of technical education system throughout the country is aware of such regional imbalance and is encouraging setting up of new institutions in those regions, particularly in North and North Eastern Regions, having less number of Institutes so as to achieve a balanced growth. AICTE has advised its Regional Committees to give special attention to the requests received from the deficient States while considering their proposals. However, keeping in view the desirability to maintain the norms and standards uniformly throughout the country, there is no plan to relax the criteria as laid down in the regulations notified by the AICTE to set up technical institutes in the country.